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SUBJ: 60 MINUTES - ADDERLEY INTERVIEW

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY HE STATED THAT HE TOO HAD MET WITH SIXTY MINUTES PRODUCER LANDO DURING LATTER'S LAST VISIT TO BAHAMAS. ACCORDING TO ADDERLEY, LANDO WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN LEGAL PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING OTHER-WISE PRIVILEGED INFORMATION FROM BAHAMIAN BANKS, AND HAD BEEN BRIEFED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH BY THE MINISTER. ADDERLEY'S RESPONSE IN ESSENCE WAS THAT PROCEDURES DID IN FACT EXIST TO OBTAIN INFORMATION BY COURT ORDER AND THAT WHILE THEY MIGHT BE TIME CONSUMING IT WOULD BE UNFAIR AND UNTRUTHFUL TO REPORT OTHERWISE. IN ADDITION, LANDO WAS ALSO LECTURED BY ADDERLEY ON THE "PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF THE U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE" AND "RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO CORRECT ANY DISCREPANCIES AND/OR INJUSTICES." ADDERLEY HAD STRESSED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TAX AVOIDANCE AND TAX EVASION AND, WHILE IN NO WAY CONDONING THE LATTER, TOOK THE VIEW THAT IT WAS THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR REDRESSING THE FORMER IF IT FELT THAT FOR POLICY REASONS THIS SHOULD BE DONE. LANDO HAD APPARENTLY INDICATED AT THE

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OUTSET THAT HE MIGHT BE RETURNING FOR A FILMED INTERVIEW.

AFTER HIS SESSION WITH THE LOQUACIOUS MINISTER HE MUST HAVE
DROPPED THE IDEA, HOWEVER, FOR ADDERLEY HAS HEARD NOTHING
MORE FROM HIM, A FACT FOR WHICH HE TAKES CONSIDERABLE AND
OBVIOUS PRIDE.

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